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Let the Games begin

Pan Am Games shooting event coming to Innisfil

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The best shooting athletes in the Americas and Caribbean are coming to Innisfil.

The Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club has been chosen to host shooting events during the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games.

The announcement was made Wednesday afternoon as Games officials and politicians gathered at the facility, located on 5 Sideroad, east of Cookstown.

Among the invited guests was air pistol shooter Avianna Chao, a 2008 Olympian, 2007 Pan Am Games gold medallist and a hopeful to represent Canada at the 2015 Toronto Games.

"It was wonderful standing on top of the podium in 2007. I'm looking forward to standing there, in front of family and friends, in 2015," Chao said, calling the announcement "literally a shot in the arm for my sport."

The federal government is providing $3.7 million in funding for upgrades to the club, including retrofitting and expanding the existing trap, double-trap and skeet ranges as well as building new rifle, pistol and air rifle ranges for what will be known as the Pan Am Shooting Centre.

The work is expected to be completed by late August 2014, when the club is scheduled to host the Canadian trap-shooting championships.

The Pan Am Shooting Centre will host 250 competitors in the 25-metre pistol, 50-metre rifle and pistol, 10-metre air rifle, and trap and skeet competitions for the games, which are to be qualifiers for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

"The games will showcase our sport on an international stage and leave Ontario with the only international shooting venue in Canada," said Patrick Haynes, Canadian national team coach. "It will be amazing to see the spectators (in Innisfil), cheering on our athletes."

Drew Shaw, a member of the Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club — and also of the Canadian national shooting team — said the infusion of public money would transform the club, established in 1970, into "the best-equipped, multi-disciplinary shooting facility in the country.

"This facility will provide the most bangs for the buck," he said.

The announcement was a first public appearance for the new chief executive officer of Toronto 2015, Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Saad Rafi, who took over the reins of the committee after former CEO Ian Troop was abruptly let go on Dec. 13, amidst a swirl of controversy over expense claims and leadership issues.

"Innisfil will now be the only international venue where they can compete and train," he said of shooting athletes from across Canadian.

"These incredibly talented athletes will have a place to call home."

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Air pistol shooter Avianna Chao — 2008 Olympian, 2007 Pan Am Games gold medalist and a hopeful to represent Canada at the 2015 Toronto Games — lets Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley hoist some gold during the announcement Tuesday that the Toronto International Trap & Skeet Club, located just east of Cookstown, will be the shooting venue for the upcoming games.

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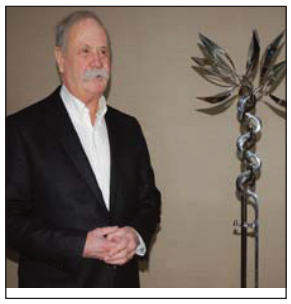

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Innisfil Hydro installing $125,000 sculpture

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As work continues on a new headquarters for Innisfil Hydro, dignitaries and utility officials unveiled a new component to the facility on Friday.

A polished 12-metre high stainless steel sculpture — created by internationally renowned Canadian artist Ron Baird — will be installed later this year about 30 metres north of the new building overlooking the pond and soccer pitches of the nearby Innisfil Recreational Complex.

The rec centre is a centre piece of the 'municipal campus' — located at Innisfil Beach Road and Yonge Street (Highway 11) — that also includes the Innisfil town offices and South Simcoe police North Division headquarters.

A scale model of the piece — to be called Jig Rig — was revealed Friday by Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley in the company of representatives of the Innisfil Arts, Culture & Heritage Council (IACHC), the jury panel that chose Baird's submission and Innisfil Hydro officials.

The towering sculpture — which comes with a $125,000 price tag — has steel columns intertwined in a complex pattern resembling the flow of water, topped with blades that will spin in the wind and will be illuminated by LED lighting.

"We started in the summer, and put out a call for a piece of art, nationwide," said Erin Scuccimarri, of the Innisfil Arts, Culture & Heritage Council, adding that eight proposals were received, which were short-listed to three. The final decision lay with the Innisfil Hydro board, who selected Baird's work.

Wade Morris, Innisfil Hydro vice-president of engineering and operations said the sculpture embraces Innisfil's history, renewable energy and will be a significant landmark on the property.

"Art is viewed as an investment and this piece is seen not only as an investment, but as part of the evolution of public art in our community," he said. "The main theme of this sculpture is conservation through renewable energy. This art piece clearly demonstrates the possibility of harvesting power from the wind, the sun and water."

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Internationally renowned Canadian artist Ron Baird stands beside a model of Jig Rig unveiled on Friday. The 12-metre tall stainless steel sculpture — expected to be installed in October — will be part of Innisfil Hydro's new building near the Innisfil Recreational Complex.

Morris said the cost of Jig Rig is incorporated into the price of the land and building and will reflect the Inspiring Innisfil 2020 vision.

"As with all our capital investments, the cost will be recovered through a rate component," he added.

Baird, who created Barrie's Spirit Catcher sculpture that graces the city's waterfront, specializes in kinetic sculptures that use wind and moving parts to express a concept, and engage the viewer.

He said he had been "consumed" by the challenge to come up with a proposal that would show a connection to the community, connection to the environment, and reflect the principles and work of Innisfil Hydro.

"It was a piece I really wanted to do," he said, adding he has a lifelong connection to the area (his home base is Beaverton). "My sons were brought up here. I do work around the world, but rarely around my home. Lake Simcoe is my home. I'm passionate about the environment, and the lake."

The sculpture represents wind, water and solar energy, he added.

"It's complex in its nature, because our environmental concerns are interconnected and are complicated," Baird said.

The sculpture is being fabricated in Barrie at Stainless Outfitters and is expected to be installed in October.

"It is a great showcase," Baguley said, adding the commissioned work will be Innisfil's first traditional public art.

"We'll be moving forward in many, many places. This is the beginning of a growth cycle in the arts."

IACHC vice-president Beth Evans said she hopes the town would be able to commission more public art for its public spaces.

"To be approached by Innisfil Hydro and asked to be involved really kind of justifies why the (arts) council is here," she said. "It really establishes Innisfil. We're really an arts community."

Baird has been regularly commissioned to create large-scale, site-specific sculpture installations across Canada and abroad. Many of them move in the wind, are interactive, light responsive or make musical sounds. These include fountains, murals, sculptural landmarks for world fairs, art galleries, parks, and gardens.

A winner of numerous awards and medals, including Allied Arts Awards from both the Royal Architectural Society of Canada and the Ontario Society of Architects for his work, he has been appointed to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design.

He was the founding director of the Latcham Public Art Gallery, has taught at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design and has conducted workshops at sculpture conferences around the world.

Innisfil Community Events Corporation holds appreciation night

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Innisfil Examiner

For over a decade, the Innisfil Community Events Corporation (better known as ICE Corp) has been organizing events and raising funds for recreation in Innisfil and on Thursday, members held a sponsor appreciation evening at the Stroud Arena.

It was an opportunity to highlight the activities of ICE Corp. — from the annual Golf Tournament, Summerfest, the Innisfil Santa Claus Parade and the New Year's Eve Free Family Skate — and to celebrate the partnerships that made it all possible.

Some of the recipients of ICE Corp's support were also on hand, including Innisfil Community Church Pastor Howard Courtney. "ICE Corp has always (been) a good contributor to our programs," said Courtney, especially the Innisfil Food Bank.

He noted this year, food bank donations have been the best they've ever been, in part due to work of the volunteer organization.

There were also several Nantyr Shores Secondary School students, all members of Team D-Day, the group planning a history trip to Normandy in France this June, to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

The students received funds raised by ICE Corp's Golf Tourney, and will be the beneficiaries of the Winterfest Polar Bear Dip in February.

In fact, several of the students are planning to take the plunge into the chilly waters of Lake Simcoe to raise funds and show their support.

"Money raised from events goes back into the community," explained member Donna Orsatti. "We wanted to show people where their money goes. This is our way to say hanks."

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opinion

Focusing on Israel's sins

We always knew the Canadian mainstream media were biased at home. But it's embarrassing to see it play out abroad during Prime Minister Stephen Harper's visit to Israel.

And some say it's the politicians who tarnish our international image!

For starters, they seem obsessed with getting Harper to vocalize - in front of Benjamin Netanyahu - the official Canadian policy that Jewish settlements in the West Bank are illegal.

In truth, if he's asked a question and can easily give a straight-forward answer, he should.

But Harper's response was still apt: "Yesterday in the Palestinian Authority, no one asked me there to single out the Palestinian Authority for any criticism in terms of governance or human rights or anything else."

Media was widely reporting with disdain that one of the 208 members of Harper's delegation was a Christian pastor with negative views of homosexuality.

If that's such a story, why isn't the terrible treatment of LGBT people in Palestine also a major story?

As David Akin's Wednesday column explains, the 11 journalists travelling with the PM had, by that point, only been granted four questions over three days.

A fair criticism. So maybe Harper and Netanyahu would have a wider variety of questions thrown at them if they simply allowed more.

But then again if the media are allowed so few questions, it's telling which ones they choose to ask.

Questions about denouncing settlements? Front and centre. Inquiries about human rights and the Palestinian Authority?

Back of the line.

Are they champing at the bit to ask about Hamas and everything its Islamist agenda entails?

Are they racing to ask about the 16,000 rockets lobbed into Israel since 2005?

Then there's the non-story of Conservative MP Mark Adler asking for a picture with Stephen Harper at the Western Wall. Because - wait for it - election season is around the corner.

What did we learn? A politician can be political? Well, gosh darn it, someone hand that hard-nosed investigative journo a National Newspaper Award, asap!

While it isn't the media's job to throw rose petals at Harper's feet, neither should we ignore the complexities of one of the most important peace and conflict issues of our time.

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Column

OFA launches Drive Forward membership campaign

MARK WALES

FARMING IT OUT

An annual membership in the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is a good business decision. For less than $200, OFA members benefit from advocacy on farm issues, regional farm support and extensive resources. Members also actively participate in elections and policy goal setting. Launched in 2013, OFA's Drive Forward campaign encourages farmers to choose OFA as their general farm organization and become a member.

OFA plays a unique and significant role in the agri-food industry, representing the interests of our farm business members. Lobbying on behalf of our members and engaging politicians to make them aware of what's important to Ontario's farmers are OFA's two most important functions.

We also have a team of seasoned researchers addressing issues that impact Ontario farms, and member relations staff available to answer questions daily. Our Member Service Representative (MSR) network – a service exclusive to OFA and not offered by any other general farm organization – provides members with knowledgeable advice and local service. Membership also includes exclusive discounts and promotions, voting rights for OFA leadership and an OFA card. OFA is an integral part of Ontario's agri-food industry – speaking with and for farmers on a daily basis.

To officially become an OFA member, farmers are now required to complete two steps. Step one – complete the Farm Business Registration (FBR) form sent from Agricorp. Every farmer making more than $7,000 is required to complete the FBR process to qualify for farm property tax designation and other government programs. The FBR form, also requires farmers to select their general farm organization of choice and send them a registration cheque.

Step two – sign OFA's membership agreement. Membership agreements are being distributed in Ontario Farmer and Better Farming publications in early February. There are three options for returning the agreement to officially become an OFA member – complete it online at www.ofa.on.ca/driveforward, fax or mail it to the OFA office. For more information on completing your 2014 membership agreement with the OFA, visit www.ofa.on.ca/driveforward.

OFA is Canada's largest voluntary farm organization, and we are proud to represent the interests of Ontario farm families. As a farmer-led organization we understand farm issues and we champion the interests of Ontario's farming community with governments and the public. We look forward to our continued role as the voice of Ontario agriculture – and we take seriously our efforts to enable prosperous and sustainable farms.

Mark Wales, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Letters

Hudak's job plan bad for health care

I am a retired registered nurse with 40 years service and I have seen much over the years.

I understand the costs associated with the delivery of health care and the government's duty to reduce these costs while maximizing care to patients, but Tory leader Tim Hudak's 'One Million Jobs Plan' has me shaking my head in disbelief, frustration and anger.

Over the past 15 years, at least, we have seen health care costs reduced by the changing roles of the Registered Nurse (RN), the Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) and the introduction of the Personal Support Worker (PSW).

Scope of practice has expanded - they do more - yet wages have not reflected this change, particularly for the RPN.

More and more, RNs are being replaced by RPNs at a saving of approximately $10 per hour and now Hudak wants to increase workload by reducing the number of front-line nurses.

Stop this madness.

Go to your local hospital and visit a post surgical floor. Just stand there and watch.

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They experience missed breaks, missed meals and many hours of unpaid overtime. Oh yes, when a nurse gets sick, and that is a given, there is the predictable visit to the 'Sick Police Office' of the employer and the need to have papers filled out by the family doctor.

Workload is already high because of increased patient acuity. Patients in hospital are sicker and staffing is stretched as thin as it can go.

Believe me, nurses will struggle even more, sick time will increase even more and patient care and safety will be compromised, big time.

Union workload grievance reports are being filed by nurses, but not seriously addressed. Potential consumers of health care, and that is all of us, can only find this scenario frightening.

I am asking Hudak to consider the hardships and inherent dangers of this plan. You cannot reduce the number of front-line nurses. This is a deal-breaker when it comes to my vote.

Wanda Roberts
Huntsville

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ICE Corps has much to celebrate after more than 10 years

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ABOVE LEFT: Nantyr Shores Secondary students will be visiting Normandy this year to mark the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and Innisfil Community Events Corporation is helping them get there. ICE Corps member Donna Orsatti, from left, is shown here during the appreciation night with Nantyr students Kaila Tims, Paige Stephen and Sean Winslow. ABOVE RIGHT: Pastor Howard Courtney of the Innisfil Community Church, which operates the Innisfil Food Bank, said the food bank has benefited from ICE Corp's events.

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"Paying it back - paying it forward - that's what it is all about," said Scott Young, representing sponsor Lorimel Homes.

Sponsor's signs decorated the auditorium, and information boards included photographs of last year's events and information on the partnerships and community support behind ICE Corp.

"We're really proud," said Coun. Rod Boynton, also a member of ICE Corp.

"It's about time we did this - not bragging, but to let our sponsors know."

Games on track

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Preparations for the games are on track, he added.

"It must be a Games (where) the athletes feel supported, so they can excel. We want a Games of excellence: on time and on budget. There is no choice. We must, and we will. The Games will start July 10, 2015," he said. "All of our venues are ahead of schedule and under budget. We'll get them a year in advance, in some cases."

In the coming months, Barrie and Innisfil residents will have an opportunity to buy tickets for the events — and to volunteer to help out — and Rafi encouraged them to take advantage of the venue in their own backyard.

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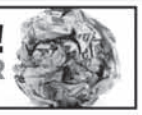

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Growing South Simcoe drug culture facing police

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Whether it's crack cocaine, powder cocaine, oxycodone, methamphetamines or ecstasy: South Simcoe police Const. Kai Johnston has seen it all, along with a rise in the drug culture over the past five years.

A member of the drug and street crimes unit, Johnston described drug trends at the Jan. 20 Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board meeting Monday night.

"Our major drug in South Simcoe is cocaine," Johnston said, both powder and crack cocaine in crystal form, which can be smoked. But Oxycodone is a close second, and may pose an even greater human health risk.

Cocaine, is mentally but not physically addictive, he added, buy Oxycodone, sold as Percocet, Oxycocet or OxyContin, is an opioid that is both mentally and physically addictive. It's also relatively cheap, readily available and one of the most prescribed pain medications, despite its addictive qualities.

And there's another threat on the horizon: methamphetamines.

When South Simcoe police responded to a vehicle in a ditch, on 5 Sideroad at the 5th Line of Innisfil in November 2012, they discovered not only a stolen vehicle, but one that had been transformed into a mobile meth lab.

The vehicle was filled with bags of chemicals — all legal, all readily available at any hardware store — including acetone, bath salts and over-the-counter medications containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

It took a while before South Simcoe Police realized what they had found: a "one-pot method shake-and-bake lab" used to make crystal meth, Johnston said, the first such lab found in Ontario. "We don't see a lot of it. It's starting to invade York. It's coming this way, make no mistake."

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South Simcoe police Const. Kai Johnston presented an overview of street drugs in South Simcoe to the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board on Monday.

The highly toxic chemicals, the highly flammable nature of the materials and the process, create a hazard for local communities. "There's been one in Hamilton, in Wingham, tt blew up, and caused a big fire," Johnston said. The air is toxic, the chemicals flammable. "This is a real problem for us."

The South Simcoe Police Service doesn't have the equipment to deal with the danger, so local police call in the OPP or York Regional Police. "South Simcoe doesn't have that equipment, but we have agreements."

What about marijuana? Grow ops used to be a key target of enforcement, but in recent years police have drawn back, due to the proliferation of medical marijuana and the licensing of home grow ops, by prescription.

"There's a serious abuse of it," Johnston said, adding that one doctor alone has been responsible for writing over 7,000 prescriptions for medical marijuana. And although licensed grow operations are supposed to be inspected, "There's never been a grow op inspected in Canada, that we know of."

That's all set to end this July, when a new system will put an end to licensed home grow operations, and require users to purchase medical marijuana from major distributors.

Until then, police watch from the sidelines, concerned about problems that could include the grow ops' molds, mildews, the bypasses of the electricity meters, the heat, the hydro and the security.

"There is none. This is in people's houses," Johnston said, with most of the licensed grow ops located in residential areas. The result has been a number of home invasions, and violence.

Police rely on information provided from the community, surveillance, search warrants, undercover operations and intelligence to meet the drug problem head on. In recent years, they conducted Project Full Moon, which broke a street crime ring dealing in drugs and stolen property, operating out of Timmy D's bar in Bradford. There have been 23 arrests, and 18 convictions resulting from the undercover operation.

And Project Talon, which focused on street-level drug use, led to 18 arrests and so far, 12 convictions with two cases still before the courts.

The drug problem is not one that is going away any time soon.

Rather, there are new challenges and new threats that require police to maintain their vigilance and keep up with the trends. Co-operation between police forces, and better computer networking, can help local police get a handle on drug crimes, which may have links to organized crime.

Moratorium on new taxi licences axed by Innisfil council

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

A moratorium on new taxis licences in Innisfil has been lifted.

At a December meeting, councillors voted to impose a moratorium on the issuing of taxi cab licences.

Representatives of the two taxi companies currently operating in the municipality appeared before council that evening arguing against granting a new licence and warning councillors that the industry could not sustain another entry into the field.

A motion which would have prevented a new company from getting a licence was defeated, but the town did impose a moratorium on additional licences until staff could report back on recommended changes to the taxi licensing by-law.

During the first council meeting of 2014 on Wednesday night, councillors heard the other side of the story.

Speaking in open forum on behalf of a new cab company — Global Taxi — wishing to operate in the town, Suchpal Singh told councillors that after being told there would be no problem in licensing its fleet of cabs, the company received only a single licence, although it had met all of the town's requirements.

Singh urged council to support healthy competition in Innisfil.

Erwin Giles, of Barrie-Innisfil Taxi, also spoke in open forum and said that after a $250,000 upgrade to its dispatching system, the company had planned to licence five regular cabs and three handicapped-accessible cabs in Innisfil, but found itself frozen out by the moratorium.

Council also heard from an angry parent, Gurvinderjit Kang, whose daughter regularly must take taxis to and from school. He told councillors that on at least one occasion, he has been unable to get a cab because the phone lines were busy.

He urged the town to take steps so that people's safety and the service would not be compromised.

"I'm not into this political thing, but people like me and my daughter, our safety should not be jeopardized," he said.

Innisfil currently has only six taxi licences — or one per 5,800 people — compared to one per 1,500 residents in Barrie, and one per 900 residents in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

A motion by Coun. Ken Simpson called on the town to lift the moratorium, issue new taxi licences to achieve a ratio of one cab per 1,500 residents, eliminate the by-law's requirement that companies locate their dispatch within Innisfil and encourage a healthy and competitive taxi industry.

The motion passed

Innisfil Community Events Corporation decides to drop annual Winterfest event

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Innsifil Winterfest has been put on ice.

Citing lack of interest, uncertain weather, and liability issues, Innisfil Community Events Corporation (ICE Corps) has quietly dropped Innisfil Winterfest from its roster of events.

But the wildly popular Polar Bear Dip at Innisfil Beach Park will be going ahead, on Saturday, Feb. 22.

When Winterfest first started — as a celebration of winter at the park on the shores of Lake Simcoe — it included a tyke hockey tournament on an outdoor rink, horse-drawn wagon rides, snowmobile races and even a mini-midway.

Over the years, the events, and the number of participants, dwindled. Only the Polar Bear Dip continued to draw hundreds of spectators, who came out to see up to 30 people take the plunge through a hole cut in the ice.

The dip will be taking place at 1:30 p.m. and once again ICE Corp has partnered with the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation for the event, giving dippers two options. They can either sign up for the LSCF's Freezin' for a Reason and raise money for conservation or they can pay a lesser amount to ICE Corp, which this year is supporting the Nantyr Shores Secondary School students who are heading to Normandy, France as part of Team D-Day.

For information on Freezin' for a Reason, visit www.lakesimcoefoundation.ca/event To sign up for the ICE Corp dip, visit www.icecorp.org

There will be other activities going on at Innisfil Beach Park on Feb. 22. The Fishing For Tyler ice fishing derby will be taking place at the boat launch and on the diamonds, a Sno-Pitch tourney will raise money for the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

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Community Bulletin

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Town Council Meetings

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – Development Applications for Subdivision and Rezoning (Sleeping Lion)

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
- **7:15 pm** – Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
- **7:15 pm** – Regular Council Meeting

Board/Committee Meetings

Off Leash Dog Park Committee
January 28, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room 4

Heritage Committee Meeting
February 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B&C

Accessibility Advisory Committee
February 11, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B&C

Economic Development Advisory Committee
February 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms

Committee of Adjustment
February 13, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

Public Library Board
February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Lakeshore Library Branch

Employment Opportunities

Facility Monitor (part-time)
Competition closes on January 31, 2014.

Student Employment Opportunities
- Camp Coordinator
- Site Supervisor
- Camp Counsellors
- Lifeguards/Camp Counsellors
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor

Competitions close on February 3, 2014.

Development Engineer (permanent)
Development Engineer (four year contract)
Competitions close on February 14, 2014.

Please visit the Town's website or call Human Resources at 705-436-3710 for more information.

Tenders

E-14-12 Supply & Delivery of Two (2) Single Axle Plow/Dump Combination Units
Closing Date: Monday February 3rd, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Public Open House

1124, 1130 AND 1136 INNISFIL BEACH ROAD - PROPOSED 7 STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The Town of Innisfil will hold a Public Open House on **Tuesday January 28 between 7:00 and 8:30 PM in the Community Rooms located at Town Hall at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road.** The purpose of the Public Open House is get to your input on a proposed 7 storey residential development. Town staff and the applicant will have information for review and will give a presentation at 7:30 pm.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The applicant has a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on February 12, 2014 appealing the Town's decision to zone the rear (north portion) of the subject lands as Future Development. The applicant is proposing to request the OMB to rezone that part of the property to Mixed Use 2 to permit the construction of 7 storey residential apartment building. A copy of concept plan for the development is attached for your reference.

Town staff have reviewed the concept and have proposed access to the development via a driveway to Goshen Road. The driveway across lands currently owned by the Town will help maximize separation of the proposed residential building from existing residences in the vicinity and reduce potential land use impacts. The majority of parking is proposed below grade.

Further planning applications on the commercial zoned portion of the land fronting Innisfil Beach Road have not been received at this time and will not be part of this public open house. A future public open house will be scheduled to discuss potential commercial development. Comments received at the public open house will be presented to Town Council at their meeting on February 5, 2014. At that meeting, Council will determine their position regarding the upcoming OMB hearing about what development proposal they would support.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Open House and February 5, 2014 Council Meeting, and make oral and/or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed development. Please note that this is not a formal public meeting under the Planning Act as the matter is already before the OMB as Case No. PL120845. If you would like additional information regarding the OMB process please contact them directly on Tel: 1-866-448-2248.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed development will be available for review between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on weekdays at the Town's Customer Service Department or on the Town's website www.innisfil.ca. If you have any questions please contact:

Garry Lambright
Senior Planner
705-436-3740 ext. 3306
glambright@innisfil.ca

Candidates Information Session

WANT TO RUN FOR INNISFIL COUNCIL? FREE INFORMATION SESSION BEING OFFERED

Thinking of Running for Elected Office in the Town of Innisfil? On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. there is a 2014 Municipal Election Candidates Information Session at Town Hall, located at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road. The session is open to all potential and nominated candidates.

The session will help candidates learn about the:

- Statutory qualifications for elected office
- Nine (9) Innisfil offices for which Nomination Papers can be filed
- Filing fees associated with filing nomination papers
- Ward structure
- Campaign period
- Election finances
- Election Sign requirements
- Voting method(s)
- Time commitment required of Council in attending meetings
- Compensation received by Council for holding elected office
- Governance model – Federal, Provincial, County, Town

In, addition, participants will receive a copy of the required Nomination Papers, an overview about legislation governing the Town and elected officials, such as the Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and Municipal Elections Act and a key timetable for the 2014 Municipal Elections.

Pre-registration is required. To register, email election@innisfil.ca with your name, municipal address, and phone number, or call 705-436-3740, ext. 1418. You can also visit www.innisfil.ca for election information.

The 2014 Municipal Election takes place on Monday, October 27, 2014. The Nomination Period began on January 2, 2014 and ends on September 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

2014 Interim Property Tax Bill

The Town of Innisfil Interim Property Tax Bills have been sent out. They are due in two approximately equal installments on Thursday, February 27th, and Tuesday, April 29th, 2014.

Should your installment payment be received by the Town after the due dates, you will be liable for late payment penalty and interest in accordance with the policies below.

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Town Committee Recruitment

Looking to get Involved? Interested in making a difference in your community?
We're looking for several new committee members. Application deadline: Friday, February 4, 2014.

INNISFIL "PITCH-IN" COMMITTEE

We are currently seeking a minimum of three (3) volunteers from the community to serve on the Innisfil "Pitch-In" Committee. Representatives from Service Clubs and other Associations within Innisfil are encouraged to apply.

The Committee's role involves planning, organizing and fostering participation in the annual clean-up and beautification of Innisfil, otherwise known as "Pitch-In Day".

If you are looking for a way to contribute and make a difference in your community and would like to become a member of this Committee, please submit a letter expressing your interest to Karen Fraser, Acting Clerk, **no later than Friday, February 4, 2014. Clearly mark the envelope "Application for Pitch-In Committee".**

INNISFIL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are currently looking for two (2) residents who are interested in serving on the Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee for the remainder of Council's term. Committee members shall include persons representing a range of disabilities as defined in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

This position is voluntary, except a per diem of $40.00 for a maximum of $400/annum inclusive of mileage per Committee member. Information regarding this Committee can be obtained by contacting the Clerk's Office or by visiting the Town's website at www.innisfil.ca.

If you are looking for a way to contribute and make a difference in your community and would like to become a member of this Committee, please submit a letter expressing your interest to Karen Fraser, Acting Clerk, Town of Innisfil, 2101, Innisfil Beach Road, L9S 1A1 **no later than Friday, February 4, 2014. Clearly mark the envelope "Application for Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee".**

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Saving lives, one flush at a time

(NC) Millions of dollars are being invested in an attempt to reinvent the toilet. The dollars come from the Gates Foundation, and the challenge is to develop technology capable of disposing of human waste, hygienically, without lavish consumption of water, costly pipeline systems, and industrial-scale processing plants.

Driving this search is the need to save lives. Over 40 per cent of the world's population lives without engineered waste disposal systems, causing a million and a half people to die each year from gastro-intestinal diseases due to primitive, disease-carrying toilets or none at all.

In 2012 American Standard, in partnership with the Gates Foundation, visited an impoverished area of Bangladesh where the use of unsanitary pit toilets had long been the root cause of widespread mortality, especially among young children.

This leading toilet manufacturer, sent a team of engineers and field workers to Rajshahi to study the situation. They found that the pit toilets lacked any kind of closure to prevent the spread of contamination from the accumulated waste. The engineering team developed an improved version of the existing pan that, in the words of Jim McHale, group leader "Would be more effective at separating people from the waste, and therefore more effective at stopping the transmission of disease."

The new toilet, called SaTo, was welcomed by the community, who found it easier to use and keep clean, and relatively odour-free. A bonus was that it was designed for local manufacture, creating a viable business opportunity so the people of Rajshahi could build their own upgraded toilets.

Success in Bangladesh led to another grant from the foundation – sending their team to sub-Saharan Africa late this year. They will benefit from experience gained in Bangladesh, but as McHale explains, the challenge will not be the same, "In Bangladesh, we designed a solution that met local needs and expectations. For Rajshahi water supply was not a problem. Here, water is far less abundant, and that may well dictate a different approach."

Simone Abele, of American Standard in Canada, announces that until the end of this December, a SaTo system will be donated to a third-world country each time an American Standard Champion toilet is sold in Canada. If you are not in the market for a new toilet you may leave a "like" on the company's Flush for Good Facebook page. One SaTo will be donated for every100 likes.

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On the ground. Jim McHale of American Standard talks with members of a Bangladesh community to learn how pit toilets can be made better.

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Better lighting for better living

(NC) Did you know that in 2014, inefficient light bulbs are out, and energy efficient ones are in, literally?

In January, the federal government began phasing out incandescent light bulbs to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions across the country.

There are many benefits to using energy efficient bulbs, one of the most immediate being the savings on our energy bill. However, choosing the right bulbs to get optimal lighting in the home does pose a challenge.

As unfamiliar as the new types of bulbs may seem, they can still create an ideal atmosphere for any room in the home, while reducing energy costs and your carbon foot print. To help you achieve the best lighting possible, Marie-Josée Leblanc, a home décor expert and Rona collaborator, shares her advice:

There are three types of lighting: general, functional and ambient," she begins. "General lighting includes recessed lights and ceiling fixtures, allowing you to function in your daily activities, such as vacuuming and dusting, making the bed, putting away clothing, etc. Functional lighting is present in a high activity zone, such as the kitchen or family room. These types of lights include cabinet pot lights or pendant lights over the kitchen island. Ambient lighting is designed to increase the ambiance of a room, such as dimmer lights.

To improve the lighting in your living room, for example, Leblanc recommends the following:

- Always have three to five sources of light – this includes general, functional and ambient.
- Use warmer light colours – more yellow and orange hues will give a warmer feel to the room. White lights are more appropriate for the kitchen.
- Add natural light – use candles to create warmth in the room.
- Paint your walls – you don't have to work exclusively with bulbs or candles to change the lighting. Paint your walls a lighter colour to create the illusion of more light in the room.

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A good night's sleep is essential for a healthy heart

(NC) The value of sleep should not be underestimated. Sleep is as important as diet and exercise in a healthy lifestyle. The European Society of Cardiology has found that short sleep duration is associated with harmful results such as higher incidences of obesity, blood pressure, hypertension, cholesterol, haemoglobin A, and triglycerides, all of which are directly associated with a higher cardiovascular risk.

The National Sleep Foundation recommends that an adult should sleep an average of seven to nine hours for optimal health, so a few bedroom tips will help to give you proper rest.

An easy solution to prevent unwelcomed sleep interruptions is to soundproof your bedroom and turn it into a sanctuary. Sound dampening is becoming a requirement for modern families, so if you have the opportunity to re-insulate your home, sound-proofing insulation is an excellent choice to escape the everyday hustle and bustle. Stone wool insulation, for example, is a top choice for professional recording studios. This material is an excellent acoustic barrier that actually absorbs the sound. For homeowners, retailers point to a performance tested product called, Roxul Safe 'n' Sound mineral wool insulation. It provides higher sound absorption against low frequency (bass) ranges that other types of insulation struggle to block.

A sleep-conducive environment is dark. Consider blocking out outside lights and the early morning sunshine with black-out curtains. A dark environment will ensure your body continues to rest for the necessary amount of time instead of waking up as the sun rises.

A cool environment and good bedding will make your environment more comfortable and favourable for catching those much needed Zzzs. Set your thermostat a few degrees lower and invest in some good bedding.

Comfort is essential to a good night sleep so consider investing in a new mattress if yours has exceeded its life expectancy. Experts suggest that a good rule of thumb is to replace your mattress every seven years.

Maintain a regular sleeping schedule including daily bed and wake times even on weekends. We have a regulated sleep-wake cycle and our brain and body need this balance.

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Forget the remote, smartphone and iPad apps gain territory in homes across Canada

(NC) – Whoever thought the household sanctity of the remote control could be threatened? Well, it has been of late, as have other common home systems and devices. Smartphone and tablet apps may have started out as fun accessories just a few years ago, but thanks to modern technology and innovations, they have now expanded and evolved to make our homes look good and work smart.

Here are some must-haves, according to both savvy consumers and the most discerning media alike. Let's start with one that helps to keep you polished and organized, the first step for anyone running the show at home.

Key Ring

If you're not organized, chances are your home won't be either. How about that collection of loyalty membership cards that crowd our key chains and wear holes in our wallets? De-clutter by going paperless and adding your current cards to Key Ring, an app that allows you to easily keep your membership cards in one place, accessible with the push of a button. Use it to scan and store your existing loyalty cards, enroll in new loyalty programs and access exclusive coupons and discounts. Key Ring also allows users to share their cards with friends and family members. Go to the iTunes store for a free download.

Platinum App

For most people, the hardest part of waking up is taking those first steps out of bed. The new Hunter Douglas Platinum App, however, can make your mornings brighter. Use the free app to automatically raise your window shades so you can greet the morning sun each day without so much as lifting a finger. Just in time for hockey season, it also allows you to pre-program your window treatments to tilt to an exact position to keep out the sun's glare for the Sunday afternoon game. You can move all the window coverings in your home or room at the same time, or one at a time, in real time to achieve the ambient effect you desire. Or, use the timer feature to schedule a "scene" for later. And, during family getaways, the app helps keep your belongings safe with pre-programmed shade movements that suggest you are at home. Learn more about enjoying precise control of your Hunter Douglas battery-powered window treatments as never before by visiting hunterdouglas.ca/platinumapp.

iHandy Level

Filling the walls of your home with photographs and art is a tasteful way to personalize the space and make guests feel at home. Choosing the right piece of art or picture frame can be a daunting task. There is nothing more dreaded, however, than a crooked wall hanging. To avoid this décor faux-pas, download, iHandy Level, which helps to properly align wall hangings and will also take various measurements without overcrowding your toolbox. Start your virtual toolbox for free by going to the iTunes store.

Hue

Phillips has created a wireless LED home lighting system called Hue. Hue, with its namesake app, allows users to control the smartest light bulbs in the world. The free app is also equipped to name and save specific room settings. LED Hue bulbs can also recreate any colour in the spectrum on demand. Visit the iTunes store.

If you let these apps gain territory in your home, you won't be disappointed.

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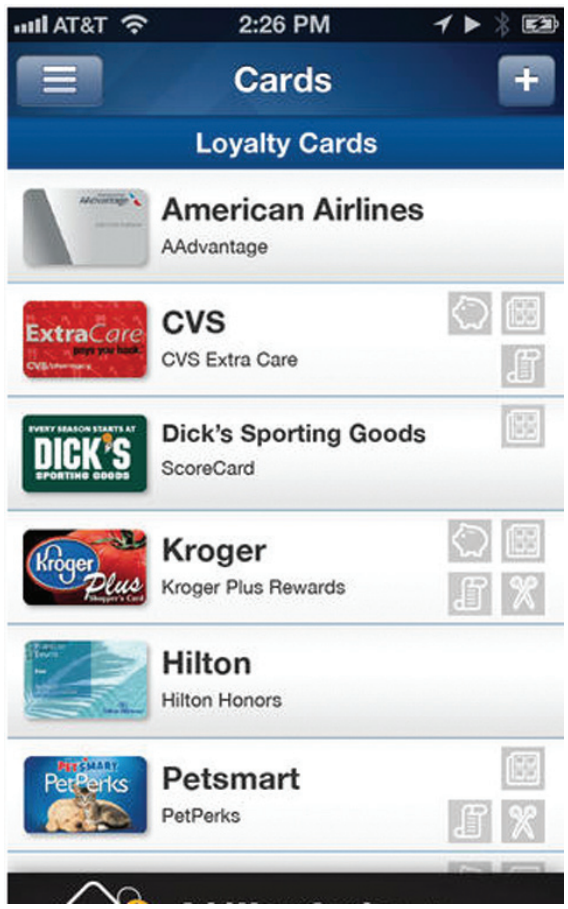

5 energy-saving tips to waste not, want not

(NC) – Most people carefully watch their time and money, making sure neither is wasted on unnecessary activities or expenses. In an effort to be more green and economical, why not also consider how your home's energy is used and how to prevent it, too, from being wasted? Follow these energy-saving tips from Sally Morse, director of creative services for window treatment manufacturer Hunter Douglas, to conserve your home's resources and your pocketbook as well:

1. Insulate common energy-loss areas

The fastest and most cost-effective way to reduce energy dollars is to seal air leaks. Find these energy vacuums by holding a lit incense stick on a breezy day near doors, fixtures and windows. If the smoke travels toward the areas rather than vertically, you've found a leak. Once identified, simply seal holes by using caulk, spray foam or weather strips. Also, be sure to remove air-conditioning units in the fall and winter or use an insulated jacket on the exterior, as these appliances invite drafts.

2. Watch the windows

Windows can account for up to 25 percent of utility bills by leaking heat in the winter and cool air in the summer. To help prevent this, and for a functional and fashionable addition to the home, opt for highly energy-efficient Duette Architella honeycomb shades, which feature an insulating 'honeycomb-within-a-honeycomb' design that traps air. Certain Duette Architella shades can reduce heat loss through windows by up to 40 percent in winter and solar heat gain through windows by up to 80 percent in the summer. New Duette Architella Trielle honeycomb shades provide similar light transmission as original shades, but with 20 percent more energy efficiency. They add an additional cell within a honeycomb cell, creating five separate air pockets for insulation. All are manufactured by Hunter Douglas.

3. All-star accessories and appliances

When purchasing items that consume energy – everything from light bulbs to appliances – look for the Energy Star label. This label ensures you are purchasing an item that will help save money and help protect the environment.

4. Clean and green

Being clean can go a long way when it comes to your home's energy efficiency. By simply keeping certain appliances in the best working condition, you can save on energy costs. Start by servicing and cleaning your gas or oil furnace at least once a year and change or clear out furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Wipe or replace filters on air conditioners monthly or as recommended and do the same with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed. Also, clean the lint screen in the laundry dryer after every load to increase air circulation and help prevent fire hazards.

5. Adjust when away and by time of day

If you're not at home, cut down on utility bills by investing in a programmable thermostat that lets you set temperatures by time of day. And, to adjust your motorized window coverings Hunter Douglas has created a free Platinum App that allows you to precisely position a single window treatment, or position all of the window treatments in one room, or even all of them in the home for optimal privacy, security, energy management and mood.

Follow these simple tips and you'll be doing more than saving on utility bills. You'll be increasing the interior comfort and convenience of your home while helping to conserve the earth's precious resources.

More information is available online at www.hunterdouglas.ca.

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Transform your home this season with a fresh coat of paint

(NC) – With winter quickly approaching and more time being spent inside the comforts of the home entertaining, spending time with family or simply recovering from the busy summer, there is no better time to freshen up the interior of your home with a new coat of paint.

Painting is an easy, inexpensive way to breathe new life into your home and to give your home new curb appeal without having to make any additional decorative or reconstructive changes.

Get prepared with the right supplies – Avoid making any last-minute runs to the store and ensure you have everything for a great paint job by working with the following checklist of painting essentials from Canadian Tire:

Masking tape
Drop cloths
Paint tray
Paint brushes, rollers and roller cage
Paint extension pole
Step ladder

Choosing a colour – There are many things to consider when choosing what colour will best suit the rooms and décor in your home. Start by considering the colour of your furnishings and how much light the room gets during the day – both will determine how the paint appears in the room. Room size and use are also important when deciding – light colours will make the room appear larger and more relaxing, while darker colours can make a room seem smaller and more intimate.

Have a favourite colour you want on the wall? A paint match system can match the colour of any item, fabric, piece of clothing, etc. to bring your favourite hue to life on your walls.

Getting the right amount – A paint calculator will help determine how much paint you need for each room in your home.

Don't have time to take on the project? Canadian Tire's Home Services will do the work for you! Professional painters can transform the interior and exterior of your home by painting areas such as walls and ceilings; windows, doors and trim; porches, and even concrete floors. These painting services come with a free in-home estimate and a 1-yr warranty.

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Itchin' to update your kitchen

(NC) Remodeling the kitchen. When you decide to tackle this daunting undertaking, you want to do it right. And, you're not alone. According to a recent survey by Houzz.com, 49 percent of homeowners plan to completely gut their existing kitchen and start with a clean state. Regardless of the scope of your project, if you're itchin' to update your kitchen, follow these five steps to design the space you've been dreaming about.

Step 1: Create a budget

Before picking up a single tool or seeking contractor recommendations from friends, it's important to determine how much you're willing to spend to achieve your ideal kitchen. Whether needing basic upgrades or a complete remodel, setting your budget will help to create a realistic plan from the start. There are a wide range of impactful updates to change the look of your space no matter what the price tag.

Step 2: Think about what you need (and what you want)

Take a step back and think about how you use the kitchen. Are you an avid baker and need more counter space for rolling out confections? Do you like to make homemade pizza, and the thought of a stone oven makes you drool? No matter what your dream space looks like, there's one area that everyone should update – the kitchen faucet.

Because it sees so much use on a daily basis, think about ways to make tasks easier, like installing a new pulldown faucet. From preparing meals and washing dishes, to watering plants and filling pitchers, you'll quickly notice the difference made by this simple update. For a contemporary look, try the new Moen Align or STō pulldown faucets. Both bring modern style and superior performance with a two-function pulldown spray wand that allows you to switch the water flow from aerated stream to spray with the push of a button.

Step 3: Research and plan

Sources for ideas and inspiration are infinite – especially online. Sites like Pinterest and Houzz provide endless eye candy and design concepts for your new kitchen space; Houzz can even provide recommendations of local professionals to contact. To visualize a few of the upgrades you're considering – not to mention touch and feel them – visit a local kitchen showroom as they have a number of vignettes and "rooms" designed throughout. Magazine articles can also provide valuable how-to information and design advice. Just be sure to save any favourite ideas in one place, making everything easily accessible when it's time to get started.

Step 4: Determine your approach

Will you hire a pro or do most of the work yourself? If you're going to change the layout or remove walls in the kitchen, it's best to work with a professional contractor. Rewiring electrical or adding new light sources are also jobs best left to a certified electrician. You can find a number of professionals online, where you can also read reviews from previous customers, and in some cases, view samples of their work. If you're an avid DIYer, you may feel comfortable installing new cabinets, flooring and countertops. But there are certain projects, like the demo, painting and installation of a new faucet that anyone – and any skill level – can easily tackle.

Step 5: Get to work

If you haven't begun working on your kitchen project yet, you're not alone; 68 percent of Houzz respondents haven't started construction, either. But with the perfect plan and a list of updates to incorporate, it will be simple to create your dream kitchen space.

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How to insulate your house quickly for winter

(NC) The Canadian climate gives us four unique seasons with a significant range in temperature and humidity. This presents a challenge for heating and cooling, but insulation can be the best line of defence to ensure a comfortable home year round. Proper insulation will keep you warm throughout the winter and cool in the summer.

On the other hand, a poorly insulated home can result in wasteful expenses. In the winter, there are a few signs that your house does not have adequate insulation, including:

- Walls that are cold to touch;
- Cold floors;
- High heating costs;
- Uneven heating levels within building;
- Mold growth on exterior walls;
- Heat spots on your roof after a fresh snow fall.

To make sure you keep as much heat in as possible and reduce your energy waste, now is the time to winterize your house. The attic can be the greatest source of heat loss so a simple solution to increase your home's energy efficiency is to top up your existing insulation in that space.

Over time, attic insulation may settle or compact creating gaps and loss in R-value, but with the right tools, fixing and upgrading is an easy DIY project. Opt for an easy-to-use, loose stone wool insulation, such as a product called, Roxul RockFill. It is designed to be spread by hand throughout the attic on top of the existing insulation.

To apply it simply open the bag, aerate the insulation with your hands (loosen it up) and spread it over the existing insulation. Make sure you fill in spaces around ducts, wiring and piping converting these awkward spaces into energy saving areas.

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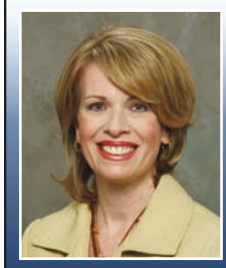

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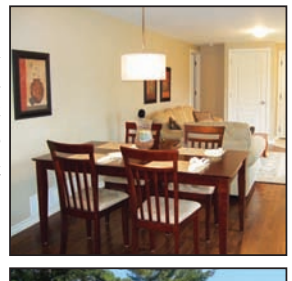

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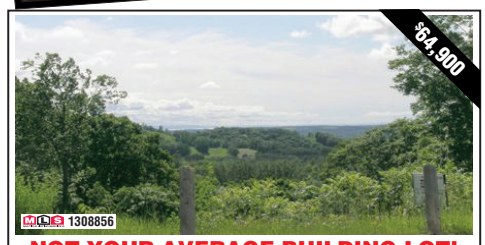

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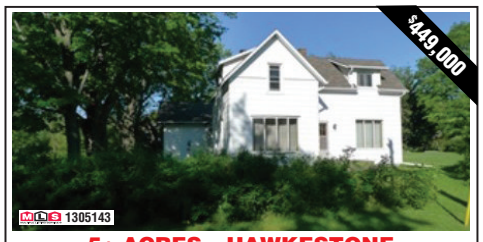

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Tips to get your property ready for winter

(NC) – Winter is just around the corner and it's important to get the exterior of your house ready for the cold months ahead. Heavy snow, cold winds and icy weather can damage your property and lead to expensive repair bills down the road.

To get your property winter ready, we've asked the experts at Canadian Tire Home Services to share some easy and important tips for homeowners:

Inspect your roof: Inspect your roof with binoculars to ensure your shingles are not turning up at the edges, worn or falling off. Damage to shingles can cause melted snow and ice to seep into your home causing leaks and potentially expensive water damage.

Clean your gutters: Remove any leaves, twigs and buildup from your gutters to allow water to run off properly and prevent water damage.

Put away outdoor furniture, playground equipment and trampoline sets: Winter storms are often accompanied by high winds which can damage these items. Since you are unlikely to use outdoor furniture and play equipment until the spring, look for a place to store them.

Prepare your trees and garden: Protect young trees and plants by wrapping them in plastic guards or burlap. Doing so will extend their life and prevent animals and rodents from eating your shrubs during the colder months. Also be sure to remove fallen leaves and debris from your yard to prevent damage to the grass.

For more information on how to prepare your property for the winter season, visit your local Canadian Tire store or www.homeservices.canadiantire.ca.

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